

# Six PTAs withdraw suits against NUTP

JOHOR BARU: Parent-teacher associations from six schools in Johor have decided not to proceed with plans to file defamation suits against the National Union of the Teaching Profession (NUTP), its president Tengku Habsah Petera and secretary-general Datuk N. Siva Subramaniam.

The PTAs are from SK Taman Perling, SK Taman Johor Jaya (1), SK Taman Rinting (1), SK Taman Rinting (2), SK Taman Universiti (2) and SK Taman Daya.

SK Taman Perling headmaster Zamani Ahmad said the decision to withdraw the suits was made in response to Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad's call for an end to the controversy over claims of racial segregation in schools.

Zamani said NUTP's stand should complement the country's education system and national policy and it should stop exploiting trivial issues.

The union, he added, should limit its statements in the mass media since what was said might have different implications and connotations for different people," he said.